

MATURE WOODLAND

Mature trees and woodland located within, or adjacent to new housing developments provide an immediate and attractive backdrop for the community. Keeping and caring for mature woodlands, as part of the wider landscape, will have been requested and approved by the local planning authority due to historical significance or to the unique characteristics of the woodland within the region.

Trees and other green space play a central role in contributing to people's enjoyment of their surroundings and can positively affect people's perceptions of the quality of their local environment. Mature trees and woodlands, add to the ecology of an area, support a wide range of wildlife, help clean the air and reduce noise pollution.

In managing our woodlands, Greenbelt's primary objective is to ensure the long-term health and retention of the woodland as it continues to mature. In order to ensure the health of woodland we carry out annual safety inspections that identifies work required or areas to be monitored on an ongoing basis. Where work is identified for Health and Safety reasons, we advise on the cost, submitting a quote, and then carry out the work required.

We also carry out routine maintenance such as litter removal and ensure as much as possible that the fences at the back of houses and gardens are free from encroaching vegetation.

Regrettably, it is not uncommon for fly-tipping to occur. This is an illegal activity and where possible, with the assistance of residents and local authorities, we pursue parties involved and rectify the situation. Where the costs of rectification cannot be recovered from the perpetrator, unfortunately we have to add the cost of removal to the Annual Management Charge as a separate cost.